

STATE OF LOUISIANA
SUMMARY OF MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

LOCATION: STATE OF LOUISIANA

MONTH OF: SEPTEMBER 1981

LEGALLY REPORTABLE ACCIDENTS ARE THOSE INVOLVING DEATH, BODILY INJURY OR PROPERTY

DAMAGE OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OR MORE IN THE ACCIDENT.

ACCIDENTS OCCURRING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT.

THIS SUMMARY INCLUDES REPORTS AND INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON:

10/20/81

I. MILEAGE RATES	THIS YEAR TO DATE	LAST YEAR SAME PERIOD	PERCENT CHANGE
A. Motor Vehicle Traffic Deaths	912	862	5.80
B. Estimated Motor Vehicle Mileage Traveled (Millions)	16793.39	17017.36	1.30
C. Death Rate Per 100,000,000 Vehicle-Miles	5.43	5.07	7.10
D. Fatal Accident Rate Per 100,000,000 Vehicle-Miles			
E.			
F.			

II. TYPE OF ACCIDENT		NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS				TOTAL KILLED	NUMBER OF PERSONS INJURED				NOTE: The three categories of injuries follow the Manual of Uniform Definitions of Motor Vehicle Accidents.
		Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage		Total	A Severe Injury	B Noticeable Injury	C Complaint of Injury	
MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION WITH:	A. Ran Off Road	1704	25	736	943	27	1051	78	553	420	a. Bleeding wound, distorted member, or any condition that required victim to be carried from the scene.
	B. Overturned on Road	40		28	12		36	1	24	11	
	C. Pedestrian	171	17	150	4	18	161	13	85	63	
	D. Motor Vehicle in Traffic	7809	39	2789	4981	41	4803	118	1305	1380	
	E. Parked Motor Vehicle	835	1	83	751	1	108	3	55	50	
	F. Railroad Train	28	2	13	13	2	14		10	4	
	G. Bicyclist	87	3	78	6	3	89	9	37	39	b. Other visible injuries such as bruises, abrasions, swelling, limping, or other painful movement.
	H. Animal	90		16	74		20	1	10	9	
	I. Fixed Object	213	4	80	129	4	105	15	55	35	
	J. Other Object	23		6	17		7		5	2	c. Complaint of pain, without visible signs of injury, or momentary unconsciousness.
	K. Other Non-Collision	51	1	25	25	1	29	4	16	9	
TOTALS		11051	92	4004	6955	97	6419	242	2155	2022	

III. COMPARATIVE TOTALS (Type of Accident)		SAME MONTH LAST YEAR			THIS YEAR TO DATE			SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR			CHANGE CUMULATIVE DEATH RECORD
		All Accidents	Persons Killed	Persons Injured	All Accidents	Persons Killed	Persons Injured	All Accidents	Persons Killed	Persons Injured	
MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION WITH:	A. Ran Off Road	1797	26	945	16980	253	9601	15551	240	8743	5.40 %
	B. Overturned on Road	77	4	74	431	9	362	550	16	544	43.70 - %
	C. Pedestrian	186	10	185	1575	148	1516	1612	121	1594	22.30 %
	D. Motor Vehicle in Traffic	9710	33	5062	74173	412	44029	85646	395	44281	4.30 %
	E. Parked Motor Vehicle	1292	1	173	8139	11	1165	12299	14	1481	21.40 - %
	F. Railroad Train	36		33	245	23	155	281	9	192	155.50 %
	G. Bicyclist	108	2	100	875	20	816	1047	22	1005	9.00 - %
	H. Animal	102		18	824	1	198	803	1	153	%
	I. Fixed Object	378	1	156	2549	27	1379	4349	35	2111	22.80 - %
	J. Other Object	43		9	226	1	58	391	2	99	50.00 - %
	K. Other Non-Collision	48		15	431	7	193	543	7	239	%
TOTALS		13777	77	6770	106448	912	59472	123112	862	60442	5.80 %

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IV. LOCATION		A. Trafficways Administered by Governmental Agencies: State, Parishes, Cities, Towns, Villages, Etc.						B. Trafficways Administered by Independent Agencies: Turnpike, Parkway, Military, Freeway Authorities and Commissions, Etc.					
		NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS				NUMBER OF PERSONS		NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS				NUMBER OF PERSONS	
		TOTAL	FATAL	NON-FATAL	PROPERTY DAMAGE	KILLED	INJURED	TOTAL	FATAL	NON-FATAL	PROPERTY DAMAGE	KILLED	INJURED
URBAN ALL ACCIDENTS IN PLACES AS INDICATED BY SPECIAL AND ALL AREAS CLASSIFIED AS URBAN BY SPECIAL STUDY FOLLOWING THE SURVEY	A. 2,500 to 5,000	151	1	44	106	1	70	1		1			2
	B. 5,000 to 10,000	472	1	125	346	1	201						
	C. 10,000 to 25,000	925	5	231	689	5	367	11		2	9		3
	D. 25,000 to 50,000	876	4	258	614	4	397	6		3	3		3
	E. 50,000 to 100,000	1185	3	305	877	3	429	1			1		
	F. 100,000 to 250,000	1855	7	546	1302	7	815	43		4	39		5
	G. 250,000 or More	816	6	605	205	7	923	37		28	9		49
	TOTAL URBAN	6280	27	2114	4139	28	3272	99		38	61		62
RURAL ALL LOCATIONS OTHER THAN THOSE ABOVE.	A. Interstate Routes	294	7	126	161	8	227						
	B. Other U.S. Routes	976	15	426	535	15	758	1			1		
	C. State Routes	1917	31	865	1021	33	1455	3		2	1		2
	D. Parish Routes	1412	12	425	975	13	630	7		5	2		8
	E. Toll Roads-Bridges							3		1	2		2
	F. Local Roads & Strts	13		1	12		1	3		1	2		2
	G. Not Stated	43			43								
	TOTAL RURAL	4655	65	1843	2747	69	3071	17		9	8		14
TOTAL URBAN & RURAL		10935	92	3957	6886	97	6343	116		47	69		76

V. TIME		TOTAL		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
Hour Beginning		ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL
BEFORE NOON	A. Midnight	298	2	22		34		28		28		32		86	1	68	1
	B. 1:00	235	5	19		22	1	20		17	1	25		72	1	60	2
	C. 2:00	256	5	15	2	17		25		29		21	1	81	2	68	
	D. 3:00	173	2	16	1	7		16		17		21		51	1	45	
	E. 4:00	157	6	23		8	1	7	1	13	1	17		54	3	35	
	F. 5:00	169	2	16		22		21		19		19	1	38	1	34	
	G. 6:00	264	4	26		62	2	40	1	40		39		41	1	16	
	H. 7:00	537	1	57		127		112		101		93	1	27		20	
	I. 8:00	501		68		107		88		93		94		37		14	
	J. 9:00	402	2	50		81	1	76		58		58		47	1	32	
	K. 10:00	449	2	59		87	1	77		69		69		48		40	1
	L. 11:00	589	3	72	1	111		95		80		83	1	102	1	46	
AFTERNOON	M. Noon	695	6	109	4	130		110	1	67	1	96		112		71	
	N. 1:00	588	2	83	1	99	1	95		83		99		76		53	
	O. 2:00	641	8	84	1	112	1	102	1	108	1	103	1	76	2	56	1
	P. 3:00	839	6	103	2	166		150	1	117		152		97	2	54	1
	Q. 4:00	880	3	133		140	2	147		143		156		100	1	61	
	R. 5:00	910	6	120	1	171		159		132	1	158	2	97		73	2
	S. 6:00	575	3	69	1	75	1	94		89		101		85		62	1
	T. 7:00	465	5	60		62	1	60		64	1	80	2	75		64	1
	U. 8:00	392	7	54	2	50		52		50	2	75	2	68		43	1
	V. 9:00	342	1	35		49	1	53		41		74		53		37	
	W. 10:00	353	7	41		48	1	43	2	29		87	1	63		42	3
	X. 11:00	341	4	31		31		42		45		102	1	65	1	25	2
	Y. Not Stated																
TOTALS		11051	92	1365	16	1818	14	1712	7	1532	8	1854	13	1651	18	1119	16

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VI. AGE OF CASUALTY	NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED									NUMBER OF PERSONS INJURED								
	TOTAL KILLED			PEDESTRIANS			BICYCLISTS			TOTAL INJURED			PEDESTRIANS			BICYCLISTS		
	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
A. 0 to 4	2	1	1	1	1	1				234	120	114	16	8	8			
B. 5 to 9	2	2								205	100	105	38	24	14	7	5	2
C. 10 to 14	4	3	1	1		1	1	1		238	115	123	18	11	7	21	14	7
D. 15 to 19	12	11	1	2	2					1132	664	468	18	11	7	29	23	6
E. 20 to 24	25	18	7	4	3	1				1199	699	500	26	17	9	14	9	5
F. 25 to 34	16	15	1	1	1					1500	886	614	31	22	9	15	13	2
G. 35 to 44	12	12		2	2					741	394	347	8	5	3	2	2	
H. 45 to 54	9	5	4	2	1	1				466	231	235	10	8	2	1	1	
I. 55 to 64	5	4	1	3	3					353	174	179	9	8	1			
J. 65 to 74	7	5	2	1	1		1	1		200	82	118	3	1	2			
K. 75 & Older	3	3		2	2					99	44	55	4		4			
L. Not Stated										52	27	25	2	2		1	1	
TOTALS	97	79	18	19	16	3	2	2		6419	3536	2883	183	117	66	90	68	22

VII. AGE OF DRIVER	MALE	FEMALE	ALL ACCIDENTS	FATAL ACCIDENTS	INJURY ACCIDENTS
A. 14 and Younger*	26	13	39	2	21
B. 15	165	97	262		99
C. 16	319	184	503	1	180
D. 17	460	210	670	4	253
E. 18	577	256	833	9	299
F. 19	614	271	885	6	347
G. 20 to 24	2611	1183	3794	33	1476
H. 25 to 34	3329	1647	4976	49	1933
I. 35 to 44	1662	912	2574	24	1011
J. 45 to 54	1150	588	1738	18	627
K. 55 to 64	849	373	1222	5	460
L. 65 to 74	455	212	667	7	230
M. 75 & Older	174	90	264	1	99
N. Not Stated	143	56	199	1	71
TOTALS	12534	6092	18626	160	7106

*Unlicensed Drivers

VIII. TYPE OF VEHICLE	ALL ACCIDENTS	FATAL ACCIDENTS	INJURY ACCIDENTS
A. Passenger Car	14247	86	5210
B. Passenger Car and Trailer	23	1	4
C. Truck or Truck Tractor	4272	36	1459
D. Truck Tractor, Semitrailer or Trailer	569	20	178
E. Other Truck Combination	92		32
F. Farm Tractor and/or Farm Equipment	9		2
G. Taxicab	57		35
H. Bus	64	1	27
I. School Bus	56		15
J. Motorcycle	298	16	228
K. Motor Scooter/Motor Bicycle	15	2	11
L. Bicycle	100	3	89
TOTALS	19802	165	7290
SPECIAL VEHICLES INCLUDED ABOVE			
M. Emergency (Including Privately Own)	98		51
N. Military Vehicles	6		2
O. Other Publicly Owned Vehicles	186	2	50
P. Others and Not Stated	887	7	134

IX. CONDITION OF DRIVER AND PEDESTRIANS	CONDITION OF PEDESTRIANS			CONDITION OF DRIVER		
	ALL ACCIDENTS	FATAL ACCIDENTS	INJURY ACCIDENTS	ALL ACCIDENTS	FATAL ACCIDENTS	INJURY ACCIDENTS
A. Apparently Asleep	1		1	115	3	60
B. Inattentive or Distracted	50	3	45	4300	19	1505
C. Illness				6		2
D. Eyesight Defect	1	1		17		11
E. Fainting, Blackout, Etc.				25		22
F. Hearing Defect				5		1
G. Fatigued				14		6
H. Other Body Defects	1		1	19		12
I. Had Been Drinking	27	4	23	1244	26	675
J. Condition Unknown	41	7	34	877	31	353
K. Normal	87	6	79	12004	81	4459
TOTALS	208	21	183	18626	160	7106

X. CONDITION OF VEHICLE	ALL ACCIDENTS	FATAL ACCIDENTS	INJURY ACCIDENTS
A. Defective Brakes	183		79
B. Defective Headlights	5		4
C. Defective Rear Lights	30		9
D. Defective Signal Lights	14		4
E. All Lights Out	11		8
F. Defective Steering	23		10
G. Tire Failure	54		23
H. Worn or Smooth Tires	107	2	55
I. Engine Failure	46	1	23
J. No Defects Observed	20243	170	7222
K. Other Defects	263	1	90
TOTALS	20979	174	7527

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XI. ROAD SURFACE	ALL ACCIDENTS	FATAL ACCIDENTS	INJURY ACCIDENTS
A. Dry	9745	89	3540
B. Wet	1271	3	449
C. Muddy	6		2
D. Snow			
E. Other	29		13
TOTALS	11051	92	4004
A. Concrete	3739	23	1224
B. Blacktop	7010	69	2681
C. Brick	17		5
D. Gravel	128		36
E. Dirt	36		2
F. Other	121		56
TOTALS	11051	92	4004

XII. ALIGNMENT	ALL ACCIDENTS	FATAL ACCIDENTS	INJURY ACCIDENTS
A. Straight-Level	9305	60	3301
B. Curve-Level	854	17	349
C. On-Grade-Straight	412	5	174
D. On-Grade-Curve	198	4	81
E. Hillcrest-Straight	119	4	55
F. Hillcrest-Curve	18	1	7
G. Dip, Hump-Straight	43		18
H. Dip, Hump-Curve	8		4
I. Other	94	1	15
TOTALS	11051	92	4004

XIII. WEATHER CONDITIONS	ALL ACCIDENTS	FATAL ACCIDENTS	INJURY ACCIDENTS
A. Clear	8480	73	3087
B. Cloudy	1531	13	525
C. Raining	896	3	332
D. Snow/Slush			
E. Fog	136	3	57
F. Smoke	1		
G. Dust	7		3
TOTALS	11051	92	4004

XIV. ROADWAY CONDITIONS	ALL ACCIDENTS	FATAL ACCIDENTS	INJURY ACCIDENTS
A. Defective Shoulder	179	7	67
B. Holes	69		14
C. Deep Ruts	12		4
D. Bumps	85		41
E. Loose Surface Material	90	2	31
F. Construction, Repair	79	1	28
G. Overhead Clearance Limited	3		
H. Construction-No Warning	5		3
I. Previous Accident	16	2	6
J. Flooding	10		4
K. Water on Roadway	229		87
L. Orthogonal Fault in Road Surface	7		3
M. Parallel Fault in Road Surface	2		1
N. Other Defects	79		26
O. No Defects	10186	80	3689
TOTALS	11051	92	4004

XV. TRAFFIC CONTROL	ALL ACCIDENTS	FATAL ACCIDENTS	INJURY ACCIDENTS
A. Stop Sign	1845	8	696
B. Yield Sign	283	1	108
C. Red Signal On	1349	2	563
D. Yellow Signal On	107		38
E. Green Signal On	1433	2	560
F. Green Turn Arrow On	70	1	27
G. Right Turn on Red	15		2
H. Light Phase Unknown	189	2	72
I. Flashing Yellow	153	8	71
J. Flashing Red	88	2	26
K. Officer-Watchman	28		12
L. R.R. Crossing Sign	33	3	16
M. R.R. Crossing Signal	31	1	13
N. R.R. Crossing No Control	5		4
O. Warning Sign (School, Etc.)	173	3	70
P. School Flashing Speed Sign	7		1
Q. Yellow No Passing Line	2300	31	985
R. White Dashed Line	6135	89	2388
S. No Control	5762	18	1581
T. Other	978	3	294
TOTALS	20979	174	7527

XVI. LIGHT CONDITIONS	ALL ACCIDENTS	FATAL ACCIDENTS	INJURY ACCIDENTS
A. Daylight	7757	43	2627
B. Dark-No Street Lights	982	28	483
C. Dusk or Dawn	306	4	114
D. Dark-Continuous Street Light	1593	13	611
E. Dark-Lights at Intersection Only	413	4	169
TOTALS	11051	92	4004

XVII. TRAFFIC CONTROL CONDITIONS	ALL ACCIDENTS	FATAL ACCIDENTS	INJURY ACCIDENTS
A. Controls Functioning	20784	174	7453
B. Controls Not Functioning	45		15
C. Control Obscured	55		20
D. Lane Marking Unclear or Defective	95		39
TOTALS	20979	174	7527

XVIII. TYPE OF ROADWAY	ALL ACCIDENTS	FATAL ACCIDENTS	INJURY ACCIDENTS
A. One-Way Road or Street	814	4	292
B. Two-Way Undivided Road or Street	6444	54	2245
C. Expressway	566	11	229
D. Other Divided Road or Street	2504	22	1048
E. Other	723	1	190
TOTALS	11051	92	4004

XIX. KIND OF LOCATION	ALL ACCIDENTS	FATAL ACCIDENTS	INJURY ACCIDENTS
A. Manufacturing or Industrial	247	3	88
B. Business Continuous	3225	10	981
C. Business, Mixed Residential	2916	16	1092
D. Residential District	2156	10	712
E. Residential Scattered	768	18	354
F. School or Playground	203	1	57
G. Open Country	1262	29	604
H. Other	274	5	116
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XX.	ALL ACCIDENTS	FATAL ACCIDENTS	INJURY ACCIDENTS
A. VIOLATIONS			
A. Exceeding Stated Speed	132	11	71
B. Exceeding Safe Speed	234	6	126
C. Failure to Yield	2206	12	801
D. Following Too Closely	1093	7	452
E. Driving Left of Center	198	5	77
F. Cutting In, Improper Passing	195		50
G. Failure to Signal	30		9
H. Made Wide Right Turn	55		5
I. Cut Corner on Left Turn	30	1	8
J. Turned from Wrong Lane	149		25
K. Other Improper Turning	231	1	70
L. Disregarded Traffic Control	372	4	187
M. Improper Starting	25		6
N. Improper Parking	74		11
O. Failure to Set Out Flags, Flares	7	1	2
P. Failure to Dim Headlights	6		1
Q. Vehicle Condition	100		49
R. Driver Condition	563	11	305
S. Other Violations (Hazardous)	5742	31	1875
T. No Violation	9537	84	3397
TOTALS	20979	174	7527

B. CONTRIBUTING FACTOR			
A. Violations	9613	59	3236
B. Movement Prior to Accident	176	1	53
C. Vision Obscurements			
D. Conditions of Drivers/Pedestrians	1169	26	637
E. Pedestrian Actions	85	6	76
F. Vehicle Conditions	4		1
G. Road Surface			
H. Roadway Condition	2		1
I. Lighting	1		
J. Weather			
K. Traffic Control			
L. Kind of Location	1		
TOTALS	11051	92	4004

C. VISION OBSCUREMENTS			
A. Rain, Snow, Etc. on Windshield	522	2	229
B. Windshield Otherwise Obscured	23		4
C. Vision Obscured by Load	61		2
D. Trees, Bushes, Etc.	161	5	67
E. Building	15		8
F. Embankment	1		1
G. Sign Boards	12		5
H. Hillcrest	48		21
I. Parked Vehicles	290	1	100
J. Moving Vehicles	370	2	137
K. Blinded By Headlights	38	1	21
L. Blinded By Sun Glare	60	3	29
M. Distracted by Neon Lights in Field of View	3		
N. Other Obscurements	354	29	115
O. No Obscurements	19021	131	6788
TOTALS	20979	174	7527

XXI. NUMBER OF VEHICLES INVOLVED	ALL ACCIDENTS	FATAL ACCIDENTS	INJURY ACCIDENTS
A. One Vehicle Collision	174	15	156
B. One Vehicle Collision (Excluding Pedestrians)	1750	26	808
C. Two Vehicle Collision	8452	46	2637
D. Three Vehicle Collision	592	3	341
E. Four or More Vehicle Collision	82	2	62
TOTALS	11050	92	4004

XXII. PEDESTRIAN ACTIONS	ALL ACCIDENTS	FATAL ACCIDENTS	INJURY ACCIDENTS
A. Crossing, Entering, Roadway at Intersection	40	2	37
B. Crossing, Entering, Roadway not at Intersection	59	5	53
C. Walking in Roadway-with Traffic	15	3	12
D. Walking in Roadway-against Traffic	5	1	4
E. Sleeping in Roadway	1		1
F. Standing in Roadway	10	2	8
G. Getting On or Off Other Vehicle	7		7
H. Pushing, Working on Vehicle in Roadway	3		3
I. Other Working in Roadway	3		3
J. Playing in Roadway	11		10
K. Other in Roadway	27	5	21
L. Not in Roadway	27	3	24
TOTALS	208	21	183

XXIII. EJECTION	FATAL	A SEVERE INJURY	B NOTICEABLE INJURY	C COMPLAINT OF INJURY
A. DRIVERS				
A. Not Ejected	24	88	1095	2206
B. Partially Ejected	2	4	33	27
C. Totally Ejected	13	20	41	9
D. Unknown if Ejected		1	12	10
E. Wearing Helmet	5	10	63	37
F. Not Wearing Helmet	10	21	63	30

B. OCCUPANTS				
A. Not Ejected	9	52	61	1524
B. Partially Ejected	1	6	27	34
C. Totally Ejected	10	11	33	19
D. Unknown if Ejected			8	7
E. Wearing Helmet	1		13	6
F. Not Wearing Helmet	1	3	19	8

XXIV. SAFETY EQUIPMENT	FATAL	A SEVERE INJURY	B NOTICEABLE INJURY	C COMPLAINT OF INJURY
A. SEAT BELT				
A. Not Installed	27	56	251	286
B. Installed Not in Use	43	139	1541	3143
C. In Use (Told)	1	1	56	187
D. In Use (Observed)	3	1		8
E. Use Unknown	2	19	170	288
F. Equipment Failed				
B. CHILD SEAT				
A. Not Installed	34	71	390	517
B. Installed Not in Use	38	123	1419	2942
C. In Use (Told)		2	42	155
D. In Use (Observed)	2	1		8
E. Use Unknown	2	19	166	289
F. Equipment Failed			1	1

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